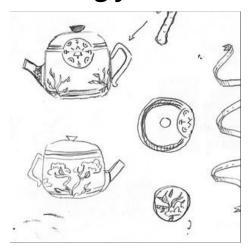
## **Building your vessel step by step**



1. Develop your **idea** first!



2. Divide your clay into four pieces: one for a **base**, two for **coils**, and one for **everything else** and for emergencies.



3. Make the **bottom**: a disc of clay that is 1-1.5 cm thick and 7-10 cm in diameter. **Store any leftovers** in your bag.



7. **Stretch** the coils by **spreading** your fingers while rolling.



8. **Smear** your coils together using only **one finger** or one thumb.



9. **Don't pinch** on either side because you will make your pot very dry and thin.



13. Add a **foot** by attaching a coil.



14. Scribe and then trim the lip.



15. Coat your pot with **white slip**. Let it dry and add coats until there are **no streaks**.



4. Keep it fairly **rough** because smoothing it will dry it out.



5. Make a series of **coils** that are about 1-1.5cm thick.



6. Remember that you are **not squeezing** the coils. **Work quickly**!



10. **Smooth the inside** with your **fingers**. If you can't reach, it is OK.



11. Shape your vessel by **paddling** it with a wooden spoon or stick.



12. Shave it with a **knife**. Then **smooth** it with a metal/plastic/silicone **rib**.



16. Do a very **light rough sketch** of your drawing on your pot.



17. Take a sharpened pencil and **carve through the slip** into the brown clay.



18. Finally, carve your **name** on the bottom.